

Key Points
Project Coordinator Meeting
September 23-24, 2008

- ❖ Sediment deposition in the Lake is the obvious problem. Plan permanent conservation practices that halt sediment delivery to the Lake (tile outlet terraces, basins, and erosion control ponds).
- ❖ Look at the watershed land treatment potentials with line fences as opportunities and not barriers.
- ❖ Soil losses controlled to “T” may not be adequate with a 40:1 ratio of lake size to drainage area situation.
- ❖ The coordinator is a member of the field office staff. Work with other staff members for guidance and support, especially the district secretary to reduce your administrative time.
- ❖ Get to know the landowners and operators.
- ❖ Have interesting public information meetings.
- ❖ Develop partnerships and give credit to partners.
- ❖ Admit your training needs and aggressively seek ways to obtain needed training.
- ❖ Invite local reports to your public meetings.
- ❖ Take local reporters on tour to cover new projects, interview landowners, etc.
- ❖ Positive publicity promotes more positive publicity.
- ❖ Seek help and assistance when needed. You must be the one to recognize need.
- ❖ As LiDAR becomes available, get to know about it and use it for base conservation planning, especially with groups and also individuals.
- ❖ Bring other agencies into the picture – FSA, ISU Extension, county engineer and supervisors, local DNR, etc. Utilize their expertise.

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